

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, UK

SUBJECT: UK PETROLEUM EXPORT CONTROLS ESTABLISHED  
FOR EC

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DTI ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 15  
THAT FREE MOVEMENT OF OIL PRODUCTS FROM BRITISH  
REFINERIES TO EC COUNTRIES HAS BEEN HALTED. EUROPEAN  
COMMISSION AND OIL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF NEW  
REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD PUT INTRA-COMMUNITY OIL TRADE  
ON SAME BASIS (SHIPMENTS PERMITTED ACCORDING TO  
"HISTORICAL PATTERNS") AS EXPORTS TO NON-EC COUNTRIES.  
SPECIAL LICENSES FOR EVERY CARGO OF LIQUID PETROLEUM  
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GASES (BUTANE AND PROPANE) WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL

EXPORT SHIPMENTS.

2. UNTIL LAST WEEK, EXPORTS OF PRODUCTS TO EC COUNTRIES  
TOOK PLACE UNDER AN OPEN LICENSE WITH NO REQUIREMENT TO  
SPECIFY AMOUNTS INVOLVED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: DTI HAS  
REVERSED ITS LONGSTANDING POLICY OF MAKING FREELY  
AVAILABLE FACTS AND FIGURES ON PETROLEUM MOVEMENTS.  
NEITHER DTI NOR OIL INDUSTRY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE APPEARS  
WILLING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELEASING INFORMATION  
WHICH MIGHT ADD TO - OR ALLAY - PUBLIC CONCERN OVER  
PETROLEUM SUPPLIES RECEIVED OR DELIVERIES MADE. LATEST  
AVAILABLE REFINERY THROUGHPUT FIGURES ARE FOR AUGUST  
AND STATISTICS ON DELIVERIES FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION  
COVER SEPTEMBER. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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